

Dreyfus, Famed Prisoner Of Devil's Island, Talks.

PARIS, APRIL 18.—On the road to the vicinity of Geneva, Switzerland, there is often to be seen a quiet, rather "grumpy" looking, bearded man in a white automobile, generally traveling at a pretty high rate of speed. As he passes, the waverers bow or touch their hats to him; even the peasants at work in the fields turn and salute him, to all of which greetings he responds with a grave and kindly courtesy. It is obvious that he is a personage in the community, and more than that a man who possesses the respect and liking of the whole countryside. Yet there he is only a private person, not even a citizen of the country which he has chosen for his domicile. In his own country—France—he is the center point of the bitterest political warfare that has divided that nation for a generation, the most notable victim of conspiracy and persecution that the last half of the nineteenth century has known—Alfred Dreyfus, ex-captain of artillery in the French army, late of Devil's Island, French Guiana.

It is now a year and a half since the court-martial at Rennes convicted Dreyfus, a process followed almost immediately by his pardon. For a time thereafter he lived in the south of France, then moved to the little Swiss village of Colombey, where he lives a life of quiet happiness with his wife and two children. Occasionally he visits at the house of his father-in-law, M. Hadamard, Paris, where he stays but a few days at a time and appears little in public. It was on the occasion of one of these visits that the famous prisoner of Devil's Island took part in the interview which M. Dreyfus has given since his pardon, took place. Perhaps the term "interview" is too formal to express the very informal talk in which the famous prisoner of Devil's Island took part, the more so in that he resolutely declined to express himself upon the matter of the processes, which brought about his persecution and imprisonment. In the conversation, however, the man himself was shown forth as he is—calm of temperament, equable of mind, kindly of spirit, sane and balanced of judgment, and this after such suffering as few men in history have survived.

On entering M. Hadamard's apartment I was conducted to the little

office at the rear, which is the diamond merchant's business office. There, seated at a little square table, writing, sat Dreyfus. The last time I had seen him was at Rennes in the court room where he faced his accusers at the second court-martial, and I had thought then that his face would be indelibly impressed upon my memory. Yet it was not until he raised his eyes that I recognized him. They were indeed unforgettable in their calm, steadfast, penetrating glance. But his beard changed the whole appearance of his face.

"How you have altered," was my first word after the greetings. "And fortunately," said M. Dreyfus, gravely, "it spares me much notoriety."

"But all France had been flooded with your pictures," he continued. "Such poor likeness! But even without my beard I could hardly be recognized by them. Now no one knows me. I come and go unmolested and unnoted in the streets of this city, where I should hardly care to come were it not for my wife. As this is written it must seem to many a sort of cowardice, but the way in which it was said relieved it of any such suspicion. It was not persecution or revenge that M. Dreyfus dreaded, but more public notice, and anyone who knows Paris can imagine how, even at this late date, the man who convicted the nation would be overwhelmed by the attentions of his partisans rather than of his antagonists. As the talk progressed, it seemed strange to me, after all that I could ever have been in doubt of Dreyfus' personality, that anyone who had once known him should be so sure of him as thoroughly as I had during his trials and public degradations could pass him by now without knowing him. For on a closer look, there was apparent the same solidly carriage peculiar for an effect as if the most was bracing himself to take a blow. The same figure, attenuated and bony, over which his coat hung as over a skeleton, but a skeleton still erect and upright; the same manner of absolute simplicity and straightforwardness. Asked about his health, he said that he was better, and gaining in strength constantly. "It is so good to be home again," he said, with a deep breath. "I have just completed the first serious and continued work that I have undertaken since my release. He continued: "That in my book, which is

just about appearing. It is that which now brings me to Paris. Ever since I have had my freedom I have longed to say to the world what I had to say and my book does that. But it was long before I had the strength to begin it. After the pardon I went to the south of France where my family owns property and remained there in perfect quiet. While there I resolved to write a mass of letters and telegrams from all over the world, so many that I began to despair of ever answering them, nor have I had the time to read them. There are six trunks full of them, all carefully preserved, for I hope some day to go through them all and do what I can to acknowledge them. That I have not done so before does not indicate any lack of appreciation. To express the gratitude that I feel for those who have given me their sympathy seems to me utterly beyond human power that I despair of ever doing it adequately. What I would wish to say in answer to each of those kindly messages would in the aggregate take up more than the span of life. And M. Dreyfus smiled his rare smile, the more appreciated for being so seldom seen. Which illustrates with such sweetness that face, so grave and worn in repose.

"All my ambition," he continued, "is summed up in one phrase: to clear my name of the stain that rests on it. It was for this that I wrote my book. It is for this that I am here. I have done along many lines. Dear as sympathy and the moral support of my friends, known and unknown, have been to me, it is to these that I must now look. Unless I can adduce new facts bearing on my case I remain in the eyes of the law a pariah, a criminal. Facts are what I must have, not kindly sentiments. Mathematics has been always my favorite study. This is a matter of mathematics; a problem to which I must furnish the solution. Links in the chain are still missing. New facts are coming forth one by one, and with them we are filling the gaps. In the meantime I do not wish to appeal for sympathy to the sentimental side of my country. What I want is the full list of facts in the case which alone can, and inevitably will, prove beyond the shadow of doubt to the most prejudiced mind my absolute innocence."

While M. Dreyfus did not speak of his endeavors in detail it is known that he keeps the closest watch of current events that could in any way bear upon his case, picking up his bits of ex-

perience from many and scattered sources; here a letter to the press from some person in a position to know whereof he speaks, there a speech before the chamber, again a side issue of some political matter, and so on. In the altered minds of the public it may now be said to be a matter of common belief that at the center of the storm were M. Esterhazy, whose handwriting was found in the pocket of the German Schwarzkopf, who admitted having been in communication with the German embassy in Paris, and to England neither answering the open accusations of treachery nor daring to return and face the courts of his own country; that Dreyfus being a Jew and writing a hand somewhat similar to that which Esterhazy displayed in the famous bordereau, was pitched upon as the scapegoat, and that for the honor of the army, the name of persecution and intrigue upon which the army then entered was followed until the entanglements of falsehood and perjury became plain to the eyes of the world. Dreyfus himself, I have no doubt, knows all this; knows, too, that if he could have access to all the records he could clear himself. As if he must fight in the dark, but he has full faith.

"I have succeeded," he said to me, proudly, "it is that faith which kept me alive and sane through my imprisonment; it would be strange if I felt less hope now. He does not seek only justice for himself and his dear ones. He is the expert handwriting opinions and criminal measurements he said calmly and without sarcasm. "Ah, he is a crack, crazy on one point, that of his handwriting diagram. As to General Mercier he is a little more outspoken. "I have expressed my opinion regarding him in my book," he said. "People who estimate the value of facts will know how to appreciate my statement that the secret dossier upon which I am convicted contains nothing but counsel on myself knowing that such a document was even in existence, was given to the court on the order of General Mercier. That is all that is necessary to say in that connection."

It will be remembered that it was on

this point of the dossier being withheld from the prisoner's counsel that a revision of the case was ordered. But if M. Dreyfus will not talk about his enemies, he makes up for this by the heartiest affection with which he speaks of his friends. Those who stood by him when his enemies were dominant in France. Of Zola, of Clemenceau, in whose newspaper Zola's famous "J'accuse" letter appeared, of Picquart, and of many others he talks with the greatest warmth.

"Never was there greater moral heroism than was shown by these men," he said. "When, to take the part of the condemned criminal, Dreyfus was to become practically an outcast, Lieutenant Colonel Picquart, who knew me only officially, and had no personal feeling in the matter, dared to stand for truth and justice, and suffered disgrace and imprisonment for it. Zola, and Clemenceau published that letter with open eyes, knowing what abuse it would bring down upon their heads. There were many others who, in a greater or less degree, showed courage and courage in the cause of truth, and for them I feel more than I can express. Eventually the victory was ours, complete and overwhelming."

People who knew Dreyfus well before his trial tell me that he has greatly changed; that his long imprisonment has ripened and sweetened his character, that he possesses a kindness, a tolerance, a broadmindedness, which was not a part of his earlier character. Certain it is that as an officer he was never popular either with his superiors, equals or subordinates. Certain it is also that where he now lives he is loved by everyone, high and low. To some extent this doubtless arises from the happiness which the man exudes, for happy he is, and supremely so despite the longings for the reason of his long imprisonment. His return to liberty and to the love of his family are still elements of active rather than passive joy. M. Dreyfus cannot resist that there is a civil effect of the strain of those long years of loneliness and torment. His mind is neither weakened or dull, but it does show a certain quality of absorption and concentration, evinced in his repeating any statement which he considers important, several times over. His weakness and illness after his pardon, however, brushed from his memory the requirements of years, so that he has forgotten nearly all the English which he learned from going over his Shakespeare in his little hut on Devil's

Island, and even his German has left him; so that, he told me, when the great Scandinavian poet, Bjornson, came to see him the other day and spoke German, M. Dreyfus had to ask him to change to French as he found great difficulty in following him, though he was formerly a proficient German scholar.

M. Dreyfus' great joy is in his family, and especially in the association with his children. Jeanne and Pierre are both bright and exceptionally affectionate and attractive children, and both worship their father. To say that Mme. Dreyfus is a wonderful woman is inadequate for the point of honor. A former schoolmate of hers tells me that she was a simple, quiet girl, of whom nobody would have expected any unusual character or depth of feeling. To the surprise and unbounded admiration of all, this girl who had never known a serious trouble developed the highest shock of her husband's arrest into a woman of tremendous force of character. That it was her unshaken courage and unfaltering moral support that saved M. Dreyfus, surely and life is fully attested in her letters and in the diary kept by her in the little hut on Devil's Island when from a considerable part of his book, happy and in peace with her reunited family, Mme. Dreyfus looks now of the world only the right to live free from intrusion and notoriety.

WHERE FAMILIAR PHRASES ORIGINATED

To feel in apple-pie order is a phrase which dates back to Puritan times; a certain Elizabeth Norton, it is said, that every Saturday she was accustomed to bake two or three dozen apple pies, which were to last her family through the coming week. These were placed carefully on her pantry shelves, labeled for each day of the week, so that Tuesday's pie might not be confused with Thursday's, nor those presumably large or intended for washing and sweeping days, eaten when household labor was lighter. Aunt Herd-bald's "apple-pie order" was known throughout the entire settlement, and occasioned the saying, "To give the cold shoulder."

It was once customary in France, when a guest had overstayed his welcome, for the host to serve a cold shoulder of mutton, instead of a hot roast. This was the origin of the phrase, "To give the cold shoulder."

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